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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING OUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE AND GOOD FRIEND, THE
HONORABLE BRIAN PATRICK KENNEDY ON BEING ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES (NCSL)

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Edwards, Ruggiero,
Carson, Newberry, Filippi, Knight, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 06, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975
2 as a bipartisan organization, with the mission to "advance the effectiveness, independence and
3 integrity of legislatures and to foster interstate cooperation and facilitate the exchange of
4 information among legislatures." The organization currently serves the nation's 7,383 state
5 lawmakers and more than 20,000 legislative staff throughout the country; and

6 WHEREAS, In November of 2021, at the annual Legislative Summit of the NCSL held
7 in Tampa, Florida, Rhode Island Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy was elected Vice
8 President of the NCSL, marking "the first time in history that a Rhode Island legislator has risen
9 so high within the ranks of the NCSL"; and

10 WHEREAS, In November of 1988, the Honorable Brian Kennedy was first elected to the
11 Rhode Island House of Representatives and has diligently served his constituency in District 38
12 for the past 33 years. Highly respected by his colleagues, he served as Chair of the House
13 Corporations Committee for twenty years and most recently serves as the Speaker Pro Tempore.
14 Throughout his time with the General Assembly, he has been an ardent supporter of legislation
15 aimed at business and consumer protections as well as elderly protection laws; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Kennedy has also been an active member of NCSL for many
17 years, serving on numerous NCSL committees including the Executive Committee,
18 Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committee, and most recently
19 serving as co-chair of the NCSL Executive Task Force on Insurance; and

1 WHEREAS, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy will serve one year as Vice President,
2 ascend to President-elect the following year, and then become President at the Legislative
3 Summit in 2024; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 congratulates the Honorable Brian Patrick Kennedy on being elected Vice President of the
6 National Conference of State Legislatures and wishes him much success as he takes on the
7 responsibilities of this national leadership role; and

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rhode Island Speaker Pro Tempore Brian
10 Patrick Kennedy.

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